GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Medical Insurance for Sports Persons
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council of Sports (AICS) has formulated a scheme of medical insurance for national level medal winners of Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations and international players;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of players in the country proposed to be connected with this scheme, State-wise, including Rajasthan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b) During the course of discussions in the 2nd meeting of the All India Council of Sports (AICS) held on 19.4.2016, it was suggested that the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and National Sports Federations (NSFs) should arrange for medical insurance of national medal winners and international sportspersons. It was decided in the meeting of AICS to take up the matter with IOA and NSFs to provide medical insurance coverage to all national medal winners and international sportspersons.

(c) There is no proposal on the part of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for providing medical insurance to national/international level sportspersons of the country, as sportspersons undergoing training at coaching camps organized at Sports Authority of India (SAI)'s Centres prior to their participation in international sports events are already covered under the Ministry's scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NDFs), wherein the campers are provided with medical insurance policy for Rs. 5 lakh and personal accident policy (disability/death) for Rs. 25 lakh. Sportspersons going abroad for participation in international sports events are also covered under insurance. Further, all Regional Directors of Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres have been delegated powers to ensure that every trainee under SAI's various Sports Promotional Schemes such as National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC), Special Area Games (SAG), SAI Training Centres (STC) and Centres of Excellence (COX) is covered under insurance.

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